

REMARKS

As a result of this amendment, claims 14 and 17 have been amended. New claims 18-20 are added. New claim 18 is merely original claim 16 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. New claims 19 and 20 are similar to claims 5 and 6.

It is believed that this amendment will clarify the present invention and distinguish it from the cited prior art.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's determination that claims 1-7 are allowed and that claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14 and 17 have now been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 1 and claims 14-17 are therefore now believed to be in an allowable condition. New claim 18 is identical to original claim 16 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 14, 15, and 17 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Lucas (US Patent 598,613). The Applicant has amended claim 14 and 17 to include the patentable subject matter of claim 1 and claims 14, 15, and 17 are now believed to be in an allowable condition.

It is believed that the present amendment clarifies and distinguishes the present invention over the cited references and that entry of the amendment will put the claims in a condition of allowance.

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